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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The document was recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated December 3, 2003.

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 10-221937, which is identified in the Search Report, was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 22, 2003. Therefore, this patent document is not listed on the citation form and no additional copy of this patent document is provided. However, a copy of Japanese Patent Document No. 3-42692 and a corresponding Japanese Patent Abstracts of Japan is listed in the citation form and a copy of each of these documents is provided.

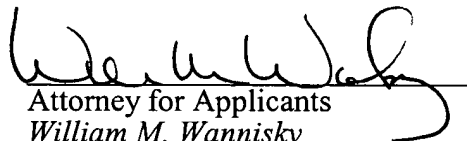
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

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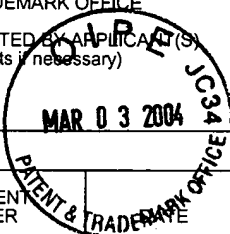
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